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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN AIR FORCE (PAF) FLIGHT

REF: STATE 52274; LIMA 2209

1. CAB HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT ON MARCH 9 A PERUVIAN AIR FORCE C130 HERCULES NO. 396 ARRIVED MIAMI AND UNLOADED CONSIGNMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS FOR "LATIN AMERICAN EXPRESS" AND "IMPEX" LOCATED AT VARIOUS ADDRESSES IN US. AIRCRAFT WAS LOADED WITH MINING EQUIPMENT FOR RETURN FLIGHT TO PERU. MINING EQUIPMENT WAS BEING SHIPPED BY US COMPANY, AMERICAN SMELTING AND REFINING CORP. TO ITS PERUVIAN SUBSIDIARY, SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORP., IN TACNA, PERU. AMERICAN SMELTING OFFICIAL AT MIAMI AIRPORT REPORTEDLY INFORMED REGIONAL CAB OFFICIAL THAT MINING COMPANY ARRANGED FREIGHT CHARTER THROUGH AEROCHARTER, S.A.

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MINING OFFICIAL FURTHER SAID THAT FLIGHT IS TO BE FIRST

OF 6 TO BE OPERATED ON TRIAL BASIS. IF ARRANGEMENT IS SATISFACTORY, PAF CHARTERS WOULD BE USED ON PERMANENT BASIS.

2. PAF FLIGHT HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED BY DEPARTMENT, THROUGH EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES WITH PERUVIAN EMBASSY/

WASHINGTON, TO TRANSPORT MILITARY CARGO BETWEEN PERU, HOWARD AFB, AND MIAMI. NO AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN EITHER REQUESTED OR GRANTED TO TRANSPORT NON-MILITARY GOODS.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM GOP AUTHORITIES OF ABOVE AND TO CAUTION AGAINST FURTHER PAF FLIGHTS TO US FOR UNAUTHORIZED PURPOSES. IF PAF FLIGHTS ARE AGAIN USED TO CARRY COMMERCIAL CARGOS, THE USG WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROTEST THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND POSSIBLY TAKE OTHER MEASURES AS APPROPRIATE. IN THIS REGARD WE NOTE THAT ANOTHER PAF FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED INTO MIAMI MARCH 22. WE HOPE THIS FLIGHT WILL CONFORM TO ITS STATED PURPOSE OF CARRYING MILITARY CARGO ONLY. KISSINGER

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